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[redacted]
[redacted] Kalinin [redacted]
[redacted] city of perhaps 60,000 inhabitants. [redacted]
[redacted] a strikingly large number of young Polish
and Czech officers and non-commissioned officers in the uniforms of their
native countries. [redacted] these men were
receiving flight training at the air base of Kalinin.
2. In the city itself [redacted] many signs inscribed in the Russian, Polish,
and Czech languages, pointing to the location of the airfield. There was
lively activity in the air over Kalinin and flight exercises of formations of
3, 6, 9, and more planes of types MIG-15 and P-2¹ were observed. The same types
of plane could be seen daily in Ostashkov, 80 nautical miles west of Kalinin.

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Formations of up to 34 aircraft approached from the direction of Kalinin, circled over Lake Seliger and returned. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] these planes were stationed at the Kalinin base. The number of Polish and Czech officers present was reflected in the fact that it was almost impossible to secure a place in a public restaurant during the noon and evening hours. Both Czech and Polish elements moved freely about the city. [redacted]

25X1 [redacted] the airfield was located northwest of the city in the direction of the main road to Leningrad.²

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25X1 [redacted] Comment. There are three airfields at Kalinin. This may refer to either Kalinin Airfield, located 6 miles WSW of the city, or to Kalinin North, located 4 miles north thereof.

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